

REMARKS ARGUMENTS

Overview of listing of claims:

Claims 7, 12, 13 and 18 remain in the application. Claims 1-6, 8-11, 14-17, and 19-20 have been cancelled.

Claims 7, 12, 13 and 18 have been currently amended by striking through deleted matter and underlining inserted matter with reference to the April 9, 2003 "Response to Second Office Action, and Preliminary Amendment to Continuing Prosecution Application".

Overview of currently amended claims:

Claims 7, 12, 13 and 18 have been amended by rewriting them to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph (scope of enablement) as set forth at paragraphs 12 and 13 and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, except for two further amendments as follows.

Two further amendments have been made to each claim as follows and are supported by the specification as filed at p. 11, lines 5-11; p. 11, lines 20- 22, and p. 12, lines 1-3:

(1) The Markush language relating to the components of the suppository base has been replaced with "comprising" and has been rewritten to eliminate polysorbate alone. Thus the each of the four remaining claims now relates to "a suppository base comprising polyethylene glycol or a combination of polyethylene glycol and polysorbate".

(2) The final "wherein" clause of each claim has been amended to clarify that the combination (not polyethylene glycol alone) is comprised of polyethylene glycol and polysorbate (as further described in each claim).

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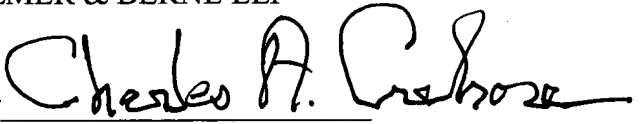
Conclusion:

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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